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### UM STUDENTS TO SERVE AS LEGISLATIVE INTERNS

MISSOULA, Mont.---

Four University of Montana juniors have been named to serve as legislative interns with experienced members of the Montana Legislative Assembly during its 1969 session beginning in January.

Selected for the program were Nedra Anne Bayne, Spokane, Wash.; Benjamin Briscoe, Great Falls; Elizabeth Eastman, Springfield, Ohio, and John E. Palmer, Whitefish.

The program is directed by Dr. Ellis Waldron, UM professor of political science and director of the UM Bureau of Government Research. Dr. Waldron has directed a seminar in Montana legislative affairs for several groups of students in state government since 1953.

Dr. Douglas C. Chaffey, UM assistant professor of political science, and Dr. Waldron are planning a special training program for the four interns.

The intern program developed informally during the 1967 Legislative Assembly, Dr. Waldron said, when four students of legislation worked during the session with state senators William Mackay (R-Roscoe); David James (D-Joplin); William Groff (D-Victor); Henry Hibbard (R-Helena), and Antionette Rosell (R-Billings).

At the close of the 1967 session a Senate resolution called the program an "unqualified success" and asked Dr. Waldron and the UM law dean, Robert E. Sullivan, to develop the internships on a regular basis for future sessions.

A special subcommittee of the Legislative Council developed program policy, and the UM Foundation allocated \$2,000 for the interns. Each intern will combine staff work for a legislator with special research studies of the legislative process. Each will receive a stipend of \$600 from the Foundation and other private grants for service in Helena during the session.

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The interns will return to the campus and complete their studies in a seminar with other legislative students during the spring quarter of 1969.

The four interns were selected from approximately 20 applicants on the basis of interests, interviews and academic qualification for the service.

Experienced legislators will be invited in November to indicate interest in sponsoring an intern. The Legislative Council will assign each intern to a particular legislator next month.

The interns have had varied major interests during their first two years at UM. Miss Bayne has a double major in political science and journalism; Briscoe has a double major in political science and history; Palmer is in political science and economics, and Miss Eastman is a liberal arts major.

Combined grade point average for the four interns during two years of academic work is 3.21 on a 4.00 scale.

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